

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  GRUBER <i>et al.</i>  Appl. No. 10/816,886  Filed: April 5, 2004  For: Methods for Production and Purification of Nucleic Acid Molecules	Confirmation No.: 3859  Art Unit: 1637  Examiner: Tung, J.  Atty. Docket: IVGN 178.1 CON
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**Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Final, Office Action dated **November 28, 2006**, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and file herewith the necessary fee under § 1.17(a)(1) of \$120.00. Applicants believe that no additional fees are required in connection with this filing. However, if